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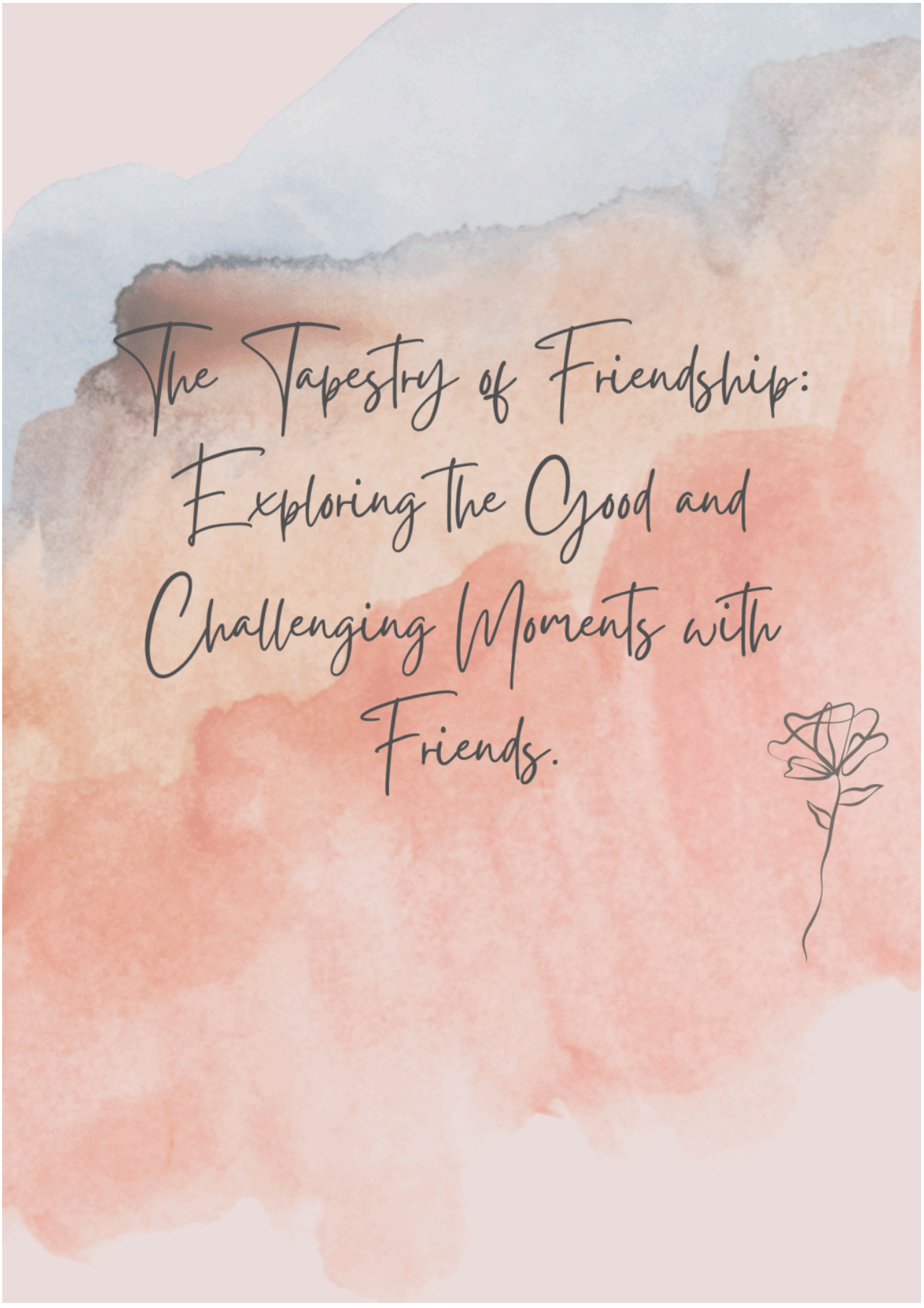
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Even though I pretend to be happy outside, I was hurt. I cried a lot on the inside. On her first time, I was envious on Prici. Periappa and Periamma were impressed with her Bible knowledge. I felt I was none. Amma then said she was chubby and cute, whereas I am lean!. I used to think I wasn't attractive! Prici degraded me as well, saying a lot of things that day.
Dhilip, too, began spending time with her, and I began to feel as if he was ignoring me. Even Pradeep admitted that, she wished him first while I wished him late for his birthday, I was happy and felt guilty about it. Comparing me prici to that of my best friend became absurd. I felt the same way about Diva. Everyone says prici, prici, prici, and I was envious and enraged.

I was enraged and frustrated. “I never want anyone or anything anymore,” I told myself. I even thought people should compare my love for them to her love for them; this is not to belittle her, but rather to demonstrate how much I love my surroundings. This was something I specifically told Paiya. When he compared me to her, he said she was nothing. If I asked, he would say her name and she would be his best friend! And I was embarrassed for Dhilip. He can’t compete with my friends. I wanted Dhilip had to stay away from me after that.

After a while, I decided to apologise for prici. It wasn’t that I disliked her. In comparison to me, I felt she could easily obtain everything. I should fight for myself in order to obtain that bond. She taught me so many valuable lessons. But the people around me made me envious of her. I didn’t want her life, but I felt she took my place in the lives of others. I felt everything because she could walk and looked lovely. However, I am not! I reasoned that if I could walk, I wouldn’t have to think about the disaster. More than that, I was afraid she would take everything I had! I was worried about her. If Epsi were still alive, I thought I’d feel the same way about her as I did about prici. I felt terrible. Particularly hurtful was the reaction I received from Dhilip and Pradeep. I assumed she had a perfect life and could easily obtain everything, unless she was like me. Finally, I finished apologising.